

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network's



News from the Network

Connecting you to the volunteer community



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Greetings Volunteer Network Members:

We've come back to our offices from the national conference in Atlanta to a flood of work. Literally. This has been a tough time for many of our friends and neighbors in Monroe and surrounding counties. We have assembled some contacts that may be useful to those of you interested in directing interested volunteers to the flood recovery efforts (see below).

In other news, we are excited to announce the date of the first Volunteer VIP gathering for July 15th. This is something that we've been hearing you ask for for some time now....and it's finally happening! See below for how you can connect to this exciting new community of your peers in the volunteer program management profession.

~Bet & Lucy

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



First Volunteer VIP Gathering Planned for July

Tuesday, July 15, 3:30-5pm @ First United Methodist Church (219 E. 4th St.)

Who's a Volunteer VIP? You are! Please join us for this new and exciting group made up of professional volunteer program managers. As a Volunteer VIP you will be connected to your peers in the field of volunteer management and will have the opportunity to hear and participate in discussions about topics relevant to your field of work. Hear best practices from other experienced volunteer program managers, collect resources and network, network, network! **The first VIP gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15 @ 3:30pm at the First United Methodist Church (219 E. 4th Street).** But wait...there's more! Mark your calendars for the third Tuesday of the month @ 3:30pm and watch this space for more information about upcoming monthly topics! Please RSVP to volunteer@bloomington.in.gov or call 349-3472.

Flood Recovery Resources

Do you have volunteers interested in helping in the flood recovery efforts? We've been busy organizing information about the best ways that volunteers from our area can help flood victims in surrounding counties. [Here's what we know so far...](#)

Extreme Makeover Home Edition STILL Looking for a Family– may be flood related

The TV show "Extreme Makeover Home Edition", HAS NOT found an Indiana family to help yet and their deadline has passed. They are very interested in finding a family that has been affected by flooding. If you know of someone who is inspirational, active in the community, owns their own home, has suffered the debilitation or destruction of their home, and doesn't have flood insurance, please contact Extreme Makeover on their behalf and help them through the process. This is an excellent opportunity to make a big difference in someone's life. Please contact Lauren Spiegel ASAP at castindiana@gmail.com with a short description of the family's story. The full nomination must include the names and ages of each member of the household along with a description of the major challenges within the home, contact information for the family and, if possible, pictures of the family and their home. [Read More.](#)

CORPORATE VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Bill C. Brown Associates

For years, the staff at Bill C. Brown Associates have been advocates for and partners with Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS). This local business truly goes above and beyond and works to make giving back part of its corporate culture. [Read More.](#)



RESOURCES & MATERIALS

New Books on the Resource Shelf

We did a little shopping in the exhibit hall at last week's conference and brought back some resources to share. The new titles are: *Megatrends & Volunteerism: Mapping the Future of Volunteer Programs*, *The Group Member's Handbook* and *Boomer Volunteer Engagement: Collaborate Today, Thrive Tomorrow*. Check out the online listing of all of the resources that are available to you for check out. – FREE! [Read more.](#)

Free Job Postings on Idealist until June 30

Posting a job on [Idealist.org](http://www.idealist.org) usually costs \$60, but through the end of June, all job postings are free for any nonprofit organization. Their ultimate goal is to post every nonprofit job that's open around the country, as well as internships and volunteer opportunities, which are always free. You can see the video they produced for this promotion at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-BQYIPILUU>

CALENDAR

July 15

Volunteer VIP Gathering

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Sept. 1 (Labor Day)

IU New Student Service Day

New Student Service Day, sponsored by the IU Orientation office, is a great opportunity for students to get involved with Bloomington -- their new community. Students will join other members of their incoming class in various community service projects around Bloomington and the IUB campus. To propose a project for these student volunteers at your organization, contact Emily McCallister at 855-4357 or emccalli@indiana.edu.

Sept. 9

IU Student Involvement Fair

The IU Fall Volunteer Opportunities Fair will be incorporated into the Student Involvement Fair this year. It was estimated that 800 to 1200 students participated last year! That's a lot of potential volunteers. Sign up now to have a booth at <http://orientation.indiana.edu/IUSIF>

Oct 29-30

2008 BoardSource Leadership Forum

Nonprofit leaders are invited to join the discussion at the 2008 BoardSource Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. Registration Fee. [Read More](#)

Nov. 1

CareFest sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church

CareFest, sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, unites hundreds of volunteers for one purpose - to make a difference by serving community assistance organizations and public schools. Group volunteer projects are being solicited from nonprofit organizations who could utilize the assistance of CareFest volunteers. For more information about CareFest, contact Lyne Brown at lbrown@socc.org.

National Days of Service in 2008

August 2: Community Build Day

September 11: MyGoodDeed.org

October 19 – 25: Kids Care Week

October 25: Kids Care Week

November 22: National Family Volunteer Day

To learn more about any of the National Days of Service visit the [National Days of Service Calendar](#).

WEEKLY VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Get your volunteer recruitment efforts featured in the Weekly Volunteer Update! Wish you could reach thousands of interested potential volunteers with one simple task? You can!

[Submit your volunteer recruitment requests now.](#)

[Read the current Weekly Volunteer Update...](#)

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Send feedback or information to volunteer@bloomington.in.gov.